

Our Town

September/October 2013

TOWN of WAKE FOREST



JOE MARTINSON

Good Neighbor Day encourages goodwill among citizens who share a mutual love for Wake Forest.

Celebrate our common bond

The Wake Forest Human Relations Council (HRC) will sponsor the 8th Annual Good Neighbor Day on Sunday, Sept. 15. This free, family-friendly event will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Holding Park, 133 W. Owen Ave.

"The idea behind Good Neighbor Day is to bring the community together, to have residents interact and to keep improving the great town where we live," says Roger Rivera, HRC vice-chair.

Join your neighbors at the park for

free food, live music, face painting, free activities and prizes. The Good Neighbor of the Year Award will be announced to recognize an adult Good Neighbor and a youth Good Neighbor—two outstanding citizens who have given back to their community.

In the event of inclement weather, Good Neighbor Day will be held Sunday, Sept. 22. For more information, visit wakeforestnc.gov/goodneighbor/day.aspx.

Applications are now being accepted for participation in the 2013 Wake Forest Christmas Parade, Saturday, Dec. 14. The deadline to apply is Oct. 15. For an application, visit wakeforestdowntown.com or contact Downtown Development Director Lisa Newhouse at lnewhouse@wakeforestnc.gov or 919-435-9415.



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Apply now to serve on town's advisory boards »

You can make a difference in our community by applying for one of the many upcoming vacancies on eleven of the town's advisory boards. Applications are being accepted through Wednesday, Oct. 18, for appointments to the following advisory boards: Cemetery, Greenway, Historic Preservation Commission, Human Relations Council (*pictured above*), Planning, Public Art Commission, Senior Center, Recreation, Urban Forestry, Board of Adjustment and Design Review Board.



Applications are available on the town's web site at wakeforestnc.gov/government-advisoryboards.aspx or visit Wake Forest Town Hall, 301 S. Brooks St. For more information, contact Town Clerk Deeda Harris at 919-435-9410 or dharris@wakeforestnc.gov.

Youth Basketball

Registration » Registration for youth basketball (boys ages 5-17 and girls ages 5-17) will be held Sept. 1-30. Games are played Dec-Feb. \$40 resident, \$80 non-resident. For details visit wakeforestnc.gov/parksrecreation.aspx or call 919-435-9560.



Labor Day Holiday » Wake Forest Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 2. Garbage and recycling will be collected one day later than usual during the week of Sept. 2. Visit wakeforestnc.gov/holidayschedule.aspx or call 919-435-9570.

At your service

Loose leaf collection begins in October

The Town of Wake Forest's loose leaf collection program begins in October and continues through mid-March. Please place leaves behind the curb, not in the street or gutter, so they do not interfere with traffic or drainage. Do not mix sticks, rocks, pine cones, limbs or trash with loose leaves. Our vacuum equipment is only designed to pick up loose leaves, so your cooperation will help prevent mechanical breakdowns.

Yard waste, such as limbs and brush, should be placed behind the curb in a pile separate from leaves. Again, please avoid creating mounds in the street. Town crews will collect these materials on your normal collection day.

For more information, contact Betty Pearce at bpearce@wakeforestnc.gov or 919-435-9570 or visit the town's website at wakeforestnc.gov/yard-waste.aspx.

Halloween is always on Oct. 31

In Wake Forest trick-or-treating always occurs on Oct. 31 regardless of the day of the week Halloween falls on (this year it's on a Thursday). The Wake Forest Police Department encourages trick-or-treating between 6 and 8 p.m. and reminds parents to make sure their little ghosts and goblins observe all safety precautions.

For a complete list of Halloween safety tips, visit wakeforestnc.gov/halloween-safety.aspx.



Town to open tree nursery

On Oct. 23, the town will officially open the new tree nursery located in Joyner Park. The nursery will enhance the town's urban forestry program.

"Having a town nursery allows us to plant many more trees with the funding that is available. We will grow our own trees and also accept trees that are grown and donated to the town by residents and high school horticulture programs," says Urban Forester Evan Keto.

"These trees are needed to replace the many street trees that have been removed in recent years. We also need trees to provide erosion control and shade along the many miles of streams and to enhance the town's parks and greenways."

The nursery also provides a location to temporarily store trees purchased from growers so they can be purchased when they are on sale and planted at a later date.

Volunteer at the nursery

Tree Stewards and community volunteers, particularly students looking to gain service hours, will be critical in helping the town plant and maintain trees. Volunteer opportunities include: organizing seeds, mixing soil, weeding and watering—to name a few.

For more information, contact Urban Forester Evan Keto at 919-435-9565 or eketo@wakeforestnc.gov.

Honor your beloved ancestors

Do you have loved ones buried in the Wake Forest Cemetery? If so, we need your help in honoring them at the next Historic Wake Forest Cemetery Walking Tour. This town-sponsored annual event

is held each year on the second Saturday in May and continues to grow in scope and content. Visitors overwhelmingly say the most compelling aspect of the tour is hearing stories about the people who made Wake Forest what it is today.

The Wake Forest Cemetery Advisory Board would like to include the personal histories of unrepresented families to broaden the depth of this increasingly popular event.

For more information, contact Betty Pearce at 919-435-9570 or bpearce@wakeforestnc.gov. We look forward to hearing from you. Highlights from last year's tour are available at wakeforestnc.gov/cemeterytour.aspx.



A NOTABLE NUMBER 40½ pounds: The average monthly weight of recyclables collected from each Wake Forest home. In 2006, the

upcoming EVENTS

18th Annual Tour of Artists

Sept. 7-8

Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun. 1-6 p.m.

Galleries and art studios will be open for touring. Artists will give demonstrations and talk about their work. Maps available at Wake Forest Art & Frame (139 S. White St.) and at www.WakeForestGuild.com. Presented by the Wake Forest Guild of Artists. Admission is free. 919-562-1688.

Wake Forest Unplugged

Sunday, Sept. 8

4-6 p.m.

E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Road
Disconnect from electronics for a day and reconnect with life. Join other Wake Foresters for a fun afternoon of games, activities and a concert. Presented by the Wake Forest Recreation Advisory Board. 919-435-9560. Free.

Concert in the Park featuring the Gospel Jubilators

Sunday, Sept. 8

5-7 p.m.

E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Road
Durham's Gospel Jubilators are considered among North Carolina's elder statesmen of jubilee singing having performed at various prestigious events throughout the state. Presented by PineCone: the Piedmont Council of

Traditional Music and co-sponsored by the Wake Forest Parks & Recreation Department, Wake Forest Arts and United Arts of Raleigh and Wake County. 919-435-9560. Free.





HOME GROWN POWER: A Video Tribute to Wake Forest Power's Electric Linemen

As citizens, we don't normally think about power and how important it is to us until we flip on the switch and the lights don't come on. "Home Grown Power" is a 7-minute video essay that highlights the selfless service of Wake Forest Power's electric linemen. Watch the video online at wakeforestnc.gov or on Wake Forest TV 10 following *Focus on Wake Forest*. It's not just about power. It's about people.

Town celebrates Public Power Week Oct 6-12

The Town of Wake Forest will join with over 2,000 other public power cities and towns across the US Oct. 6-12 to celebrate the benefits of being a public power community and being able to make local decisions that best suit our local needs.

As part of the celebration, residents are invited to the Wake Forest Power Energy Fair and Customer Appreciation Day Thursday, Oct. 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. at town hall. Wake Forest Power linemen will demonstrate electrical safety in Centennial Plaza, while various interactive displays will be available in the town hall lobby that focus on energy conservation, green energy, and other related topics. In addition, three Wake Forest Power customers will win free electricity for the month of October. Customers must be present at the Energy Fair during the evening session (7-8:30 p.m.) to win.

For information about Public Power Week, call the Town of Wake Forest at 919-435-9400 or visit wakeforestnc.gov/public-power-week.aspx.

Wake Forest Power is owned and

operated by the residents of Wake Forest. The utility strives to provide superior service to nearly 7,000 local customers.

Join us for a group bike ride and learn close-up about bicycle facilities in Wake Forest

The Northeast Area Study (NEAS) project manager will lead a ride through downtown Wake Forest on Saturday, Sept. 21. The bike ride is part of NEAS's planning process in creating a long term transportation strategy for our area.

The ride begins at Wake Forest Community Library, 400 E. Holding Ave. at 11 a.m. The route is five miles and will be done at an easy, casual pace with stops in-between to discuss what we experience on our ride. We'll use different on-road bike accommodations including greenways and bicycle lanes. We'll stop for lunch at the Main Street Grille (our treat). RSVP by contacting Scott Lane at 919-601-9098, jslanempo@gmail.com. For more information, visit www.neareastudy.com.

Glad You Asked

TOWN OF WAKE FOREST Q & A

Q: When I turn on the toaster oven, my lights dim. Is this bad for my appliances?

A: There are many reasons for dimming and flickering lights including loose circuit connections and heavy electrical loads. Some of these problems are potentially dangerous. It's best to call an electrician to determine the underlying problem and have it repaired.

Q: How can I protect my home electronics from power surges?

A: The best way to prevent damage from power surges is to invest in high-quality surge protectors. All programmable appliances should be connected to a surge protector, including home entertainment systems, computer equipment and other digital devices. Also remember that power surges can come into your home through other utility lines so be sure to connect cable and satellite TV lines, and all telephone lines, including fax and modem.

average monthly weight of recyclables per household was 32½ lbs.

wakeforestnc.gov/communitycalendar.aspx

Wake Forest Reservoir Clean-Up Day

Saturday, Sept. 28
9-11:30 a.m.

Wake Forest Reservoir,
Intersection of Wait Avenue
and Dr. Calvin Jones Highway
In conjunction with National
Public Lands Day, the Wake
Forest Greenways Advisory
Board will sponsor a clean-
up project at the reservoir.
Contact Greenways Advisory
Board Member Don Bode at
dbode1@crg2000.com or
919-526-3481.



WFPD Golf Tournament for the Kids

Monday, Oct. 7
12 p.m.
Brevofield Golf Links,
13601 Camp Kanata Road

The Wake Forest Police Department presents the annual golf tournament to benefit children in the community. \$60 per person, \$240 per team. Dinner and prizes provided. Call 919-435-9611 to register.

Halloween Spooktacular

Thursday, Oct. 24
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Flaherty Park Community
Center, 1226 N. White St.
Free ghostly games and
activities for children ages 12

and younger. Costumes are optional but a prize for "best costume" will be awarded. Sponsored by the Wake Forest Parks & Recreation Department. 919-435-9560.



Fall Foliage Tours

Monday, Oct. 28
10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
E. Carroll Joyner Park,
701 Harris Road

Learn about native trees while enjoying the vibrant reds, oranges and yellows of autumn. Each tour will last about one hour. Parents and children are welcome. Meet at the information kiosk by the parking lot. Free. Hosted by the Wake Forest Urban Forestry Board. 919-435-9560.

WFTV**Watch it live online**

Anyone with internet access can watch WFTV 10 at www.wakeforestnc.gov/wftv-10.aspx. Residents that subscribe to Time-Warner Cable TV service receive the channel.

Sept/Oct Schedule

Focus on Wake Forest
daily, top of the hour

Home Grown Power
daily, 10 min. after the hour

Wake Forest: The Most Rewarding Things
daily, 7 am, 10:30 am, 1:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm

The Renaissance of Downtown Wake Forest
7:40 am, 8:40 am, 12:40 pm, 2:40 pm, 6:40 pm, 8:40 pm

Wake Forest History Museum's Women's Oral History
11:30 am, 5:30 pm, 11:30 pm

This Place Matters
daily, 7:30 am, 12:30 pm, 8:30 pm

Board of Commissioners Meeting
live, 3rd Tuesdays, 7 pm; rebroadcast daily 9 am, 3 pm, 9 pm

Board of Commissioners Work Session
live, 1st Tuesday, 5:30 pm

Planning Board Meeting
live, 1st Tuesday, 7:30 pm; rebroadcast for 2 weeks daily 9 am, 3 pm, 9 pm

Celebration of the Arts will showcase the new Wake Forest Renaissance Centre



Plans are underway for the grand opening celebration of the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre, 405 Brooks St. Mark your calendar for a three-day "Celebration of the Arts" — Thursday, Nov. 14: Opening Night Gala, Friday, Nov. 15: A Night at the Theatre, and Saturday, Nov. 16: An Evening with Marcus Anderson.

Earlier this summer, the Wake Forest Board of Commissioners voted to purchase the former Tuxedo Junction in downtown Wake Forest and rename it the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre. According to Mayor Vivian Jones, the opportunity to purchase the facility and convert it into a cultural arts center was too good to pass up.

"We have such a great artistic community in Wake Forest. The town needs

to be taking advantage of that and supporting that," says Mayor Jones. "The Renaissance Centre will be a place that we can use for all kinds of events. And businesses and organizations in the community can also use it for their events."

"We believe the center will be a real economic boom to downtown," adds Town Manager Mark Williams.

The Renaissance Centre will be staffed by a manager and a center specialist who will handle programming and facility rentals.

More information about the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre and Celebration of the Arts will be available soon. Updates will be posted at wakeforestnc.gov/wake-forest-renaissance-centre.aspx or call 919-435-9560 for more information.

Candidates to face-off at town hall

Candidates for the Wake County School Board and the Wake Forest Board of Commissioners will participate in a debate at Wake Forest Town Hall, Tuesday, Sept. 10, 6-8 p.m. A second forum will be held Thursday, Oct. 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m. for the candidates running for Wake Forest Mayor.

Both forums are open to the public. Questions for the candidates will be determined by the Wake Forest Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs

Committee. The forums will be broadcast live on WFTV 10. You can also view the debates live on the web at wakeforestnc.gov/wftv-10.aspx. On-demand videos will be available at the same website after each debate.

Election Day for Wake County Board of Education Districts 1, 2, 7 and 9 is Tuesday, Oct. 8. Election Day for the Town of Wake Forest is Tuesday, Nov. 5. Detailed voter information is available at wakegov.com/elections.

3 creative uses for your old phone books

As always, phone books can be recycled. And now they can go directly into your recycling rollout cart. But perhaps instead of recycling them, you may want to put your old books to good use. Here are three of our favorite reuse ideas from

The Daily Green (www.thedailygreen.com):
Window wipes: Phone book pages are perfect for cleaning windows and mirrors. They leave a streak-free shine.
Packing material: Balled up phone book paper makes great packing material and

can be used to wrap breakable items.
Weed blocker: Spread a layer of paper (several pages thick) over an area in your garden and cover with mulch. The paper will smother the weeds and help prevent new weeds from germinating.

YOUR GOVERNMENT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS
Third Tuesday | 7 pm
Town Hall Board Room

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION
First Tuesday | 5:30 pm
Town Hall Board Room

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS
First Tuesday | 7:30 pm
Town Hall Board Room

Have agendas delivered directly to your inbox. Sign up at: www.wakeforestnc.gov/enotifier.aspx.

- Watch meetings live on WFTV 10.
- Watch meetings live or on-demand in streaming video: www.wakeforestnc.gov/government-boardofcommissioners.aspx.
- Watch re-broadcasts of meetings on WFTV 10 at 9 am, 3 pm and 9 pm. daily for up to two weeks after the meeting.

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